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Dear Mr. Stedman:

In response to your telephone request of this afternoon for supplementary chronological details of my service in the European Theater, I will begin at the beginning and take the chronology step by step.

From March 1942 until December 22, 1945 I was Special Assistant to the Attorney General in the Department of Justice. Effective December 23rd, 1945 I was transferred to the rolls of the War Department as a division director at a Civil Service rating of P-8 to serve overseas with OMGUS as Director of the Division for Investigation of Cartels and External Assets.

For the greater part of the time that I served in the Justice Department (until February 9, 1945) I was Chief of the Economic Warfare Section. The Economic Warfare Section was at first a unit of the Antitrust Division; but in the spring of 1943 it was consolidated with other sections into a new division known as the War Division.

Effective February 9, 1945 I was "loaned" to the War Department by arrangement between the Office of the Secretary of War and the Attorney General pursuant to a cabled request from SHAEF headquarters in Europe. The purpose of this European assignment was to assist the Finance Division of the U.S. Group Control Council and the Financial Branch G-5 SHAEF in preparing investigations of German cartels and German concealment of foreign assets.

I reported to the headquarters of U.S. Group C.C. at Bushey Park on February 11,1945 and from there was transferred to duty with the Financial Branch of G-5 SHAEF. In August, 1945 a cable from the War Department to the Financial Branch advised that the Attorney General had requested my return to the United States for consultation. I arrived in the United States in September and reported back to the Department of Justice. I was assigned to consult with the State Department divisions and branches which were concerning themselves with Occupation policies with respect to cartels and patents.

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On or about the first of October 1945, at the suggestion of the Commodities Division and the Division of International Trade Policy of the State Department, procedures were commenced for my appointment to the Foreign Service Auxiliary to serve on the staff of Ambassador Murphy at Berlin as advisor on matters of cartel and patent policies. While these negotiations were pending Major General John H. Hilldring, Director of the Civil Affairs Division of the War Department, asked the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice to recommend a person who would be qualified to direct the Division for Investigation of Cartels and External Assets. The Antitrust Division supplied General Hilldring with the names of several individuals, including myself, together with a brief summary of background and experience. At the same time, I understand that General Hilldring had contacted other agencies of the Government with a similar request and that a slate of possibilities was cabled to General Clay at Berlin.

In the early part of December I was called to the Pentagon for consultation with representatives of the Office of the Secretary of War and with Brigadier General Barrett, Deputy Director of the Civil Affairs Division, and later with General Hilldring, the Director. General Barrett informed me that General Clay had cabled that I would be acceptable so far as OMGUS was concerned. General Barrett and General Hilldring then asked me to submit the necessary application papers for processing. Meanwhile, it is my understanding that representatives of the War Department consulted with the State Department to secure their agreement to release me from my prior commitment to accept appointment to the State Department, Foreign Service Auxiliary.

On Thursday, December 20, 1945 I returned to the Pentagon to file the necessary papers with the Civil Affairs Division and the Office of the Secretary of War. I was informed that processing would require about two weeks and that I would be called around January 15th. At that point, General Hilldring interrupted the proceedings by saying that General Clay had asked that I be sent over immediately. Thereupon, processing time for the papers was cut down to one day and on the afternoon of Friday, December 21st, I left the Pentagon to report to the Air Transport Command at New York, with travel orders calling for a stop at London for consultation with the Foreign Office and then to Berlin to report to OMGUS. I arrived at London on the afternoon of December 25th and at Berlin the evening of January 3, 1946.

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Sincerely yours,

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